



The Secretary's Award for International Woman of Courage

Nominees for
Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, &
Vanuatu
2015 Selection Season



What is the Secretary's Award for International Woman of Courage?

Each year, the U.S. Secretary of State presents one exceptional woman with the Secretary's Award for International Woman of Courage. This award honors women who are making history. Since the award's inception in 2007, the United States has honored women who have risked their lives and well-being to stop human trafficking, gender-based violence, child marriage, and corruption. We have honored women who have been imprisoned, tortured, and threatened with death for standing up for justice, human rights, constitutional reform, and the rule of law. We encourage you to nominate women who have worked to better their societies, flight discrimination, or strife, resolve conflicts, as well as those who have taken risks to run for office or break down barrier in order to promote positive change. U.S. Embassies around the world nominate one woman from each of countries that they are accredited to, and a top finalist for each geographic region is selected to participate in a high-profile ceremony and program of events in Washington, D.C., in commemoration of International Women's Day in March. As part of that trip to Washington, D.C., the top finalists also participate in a two-week program to network with American counterparts in additional cities in the United States and meet leaders working to advance women's empowerment in the United States. Since its inception, the Secretary's Award has been conferred upon 65 remarkable women from more than 40 countries.

Nomination Criteria and Process

Use this form to nominate an amazing woman you know from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, or Vanuatu for this award. We will consider women who have taken unusual risks, surmounted obstacles, or challenged harmful cultural practices or discrimination in their efforts to defend and promote progress for women and girls, and for their societies as a whole. We encourage the recognition of emerging women leaders, innovators, and activists, particularly those whose achievements have not been recognized by the host government or the international community in the past. A woman of courage might be an educator, a health practitioner, a lawyer, or a human rights defender. She might be a religious leader, a healer, a political activist, or a peace builder. Women working in the political, human rights, economic, social, judicial, health, educational, press/media, peace and national reconciliation, and scientific and technological arenas are eligible.

Three nominees total will be selected: one from Papua New Guinea, one from Solomon Islands, and one from Vanuatu. **Nominations are due by November 14 at 4:30 p.m.**, and can be submitted by e-mail, fax, mail, or hand delivered. Please submit completed applications to:

U.S. Embassy Port Moresby
Attention: Agatha Pio, Gender Issues Assistant
P.O. Box 1492, Douglas Street, Town, NCD, Port Moresby (across from Deloitte Tower)
E-mail: PDPortMoresby@state.gov
Phone: +675-321-1455, x2211 or +675-7091-5851

Fax: +675-321-1593

In the rare circumstance that the nominator does not have access to e-mail, fax, or is unable to turn in the nomination form by mail or in person, nominations may be called in over the phone (be prepared to read your completed application information to our staff over the phone).

Nominators are encouraged to provide as much information on the nominee as possible and to clearly articulate why the nominee should be considered for the Secretary's International Woman of Courage Award. **Be sure to complete this entire application, including the one page essay. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

One nominee per country (one each for Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu) will be chosen and their names will be sent to Washington, DC for consideration for Secretary's International Woman of Courage Award. **Selected nominees will be contacted by November 28** to let them know that they have been chosen as the official nominee for their country and to verify nomination details.

Application Instructions

1. Type the application or use block print
 2. Answer all questions completely
 3. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary
- All documents must be in English

Nominator Contact Information (Who Are You?)

Name of Nominator (Your Name):

Title and Organization (if applicable):

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Nominee's Contact Information (Who Are You Nominating?)

Nominee's Name (Who You Are Nominating):

Nominee's title and organization/business:

Address of organization/business:

Home Address:

Date of Birth:

Country of Birth:

Citizenship:

Passport Number:

Email address:

Landline telephone

number:

Mobile telephone number:

Language(s) spoken (please also indicate if the nominee does not speak English):

Nominee's Educational Background (if applicable)

Name of Institution:

Location of Institution:

Field of Study:

Degree and Year conferred (if applicable):

Nominee's Organization, Business, or Community Group (if applicable)

What does the organization do?

What are the organization's goals and objectives?

How many people are members of the organization and/or employed by the organization?

What kind of activities has the organization carried out in the past?

Nominee's Current Employment Information (if applicable)

Name of Employer:

Location of Employer:

Job Title:

Number of Years at This Job:

Nominee's Accomplishments and Advocacy (Why Does She Deserve this Award?)

Write a one page essay describing why the nominee should be the nominee for her country for the Secretary's International Woman of Courage Award. What makes her stand out given the social and cultural context in her country? Describe the nominee's accomplishments and issues for which she has advocated. Be sure to include details on what exactly the nominee did to advocate for these issues, and what the impact of her work was on advancing these causes. Include a recent achievement (either personal or professional) of which the nominee is particularly proud, and describe what enabled the nominee to achieve this, as well as a description of any professional or social networks in which the nominee participates and through which she advocates for change, describe the purpose of the network and the nominee's roles and responsibilities. Include highlights from the nominee's life, including key personal and professional milestones, detail her academic and professional background, and discuss any relevant family information.

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